

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended paragraph:

A stretchable and contractable wound closure dressing is disclosed having an adhesive bodyside layer preferably formed of an hydrocolloid-containing liquid-absorbing adhesive material layer, a vapor-permeable elastometric backing layer secured to one surface of the said the adhesive layer, and a multiplicity of flexible but essentially non-stretchable reinforcing members extending in spaced parallel relation across said the dressing for preventing stretching of said the dressing only in directions parallel with said the non-stretchable reinforcing members